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### MR. BRYAN ON THE ELECTION.

William J. Bryan last night gave out an extended statement concerning Tuesday's election, which is intended to serve as his comment on the result, and as an answer to reports connecting him with a movement looking to the formation of a new party. Mr. Bryan said he would not attempt to deny all the reports circulated as to his future political action, but would let his statement serve to explain his position. He says:

"The democratic party has met with an overwhelming defeat in the national election. As yet the returns are not sufficiently complete to permit analysis, as it is impossible to say whether the result is due to an actual increase in the number of republican voters or to a falling off in the democratic vote. This phase or the subject will be dealt with when the returns are all in. The questions for consideration at this time are, What lesson does the election teach? and what of the future?"

"The defeat of Judge Parker should not be considered a personal one. He did as well as he could under the circumstances; he was the victim of unfavorable conditions and of a mistaken party policy."

"He grew in popularity as the campaign progressed, and expressed himself more and more strongly upon the trust question, but could not overcome the heavy odds against him. The so-called conservative democrats charged the defeat of 1896 and 1900 to the party's position on the money question, and insisted that a victory could be won by dropping the coinage question entirely. The convention accepted this theory, and the platform made no reference to the money question, but Judge Parker felt that it was his duty to announce his personal adherence to the gold standard. His gold telegram, as it was called, while embarrassing to the democrats of the West and South, was applauded by the eastern press. He had the cordial endorsement of Mr. Cleveland, who testified that the party had returned to 'safety and sanity.' He had the support of the democratic papers which bolted in 1896, and he also had the aid of nearly all of those who were prominent in the campaigns of 1896 and 1900, and yet his defeat is apparently greater than the party suffered in either of those years."

"It is unquestionable also that Judge Parker's defeat was not local, but general, the returns from the eastern States being as disappointing as the returns from the West. The reorganizers are in complete control of the party, they planned the campaign and carried it according to their own views."

"Surely silver cannot be blamed for this defeat, for the campaign was run on a gold basis. Neither can the defeat be charged to emphatic condemnation of the trusts, for the trusts were not assailed as vigorously this year as they were four years ago. It is evident that the campaign did not turn upon the question of imperialism, and it is not fair to consider the result as a personal victory for the President, although his administration was the subject of criticism."

"The result was due to the fact that the democratic party attempted to be conservative in the presence of conditions which demand radical remedies. It sounded a partial retreat when it should have ordered a charge all along the line. In 1896 the line was drawn for the first time during the present generation between plutocracy and democracy, and the party's stand on the side of democracy alienated a large number of plutocratic democrats, who, in the nature of things cannot be expected to return, and it drew to itself a large number of earnest advocates of reform whose attachment to these reforms is much stronger than attachment to any party name. The republican party occupied the conservative position. That is, it defends those who, having secured unfair advantages through class legislation, insist that they shall not be disturbed, no matter how oppressive their exactions may become."

"The democratic party cannot hope to compete successfully with the republican party for this support. To win the support of the plutocratic element of the country the party would have to become more plutocratic than the republican party and it could not do this without losing several times as many votes as that course would win. The democratic party has nothing to gain by catering to organized and predatory wealth. It must not only do without such support, but it can strengthen itself by inviting the open and emphatic opposition of these elements."

"The campaign just closed shows that it is inexpedient from the standpoint of policy as it is wrong from the standpoint of principle to attempt any conciliation of the industrial and financial despots who are gradually getting control of all the avenues of wealth. The democratic party, if it hopes to win success, must take the side of the plain common people."

"The party must continue its opposition to national banks of issue and must insist upon divorcing the Treasury Department from Wall Street."

"The party must continue its fight for the popular election of Senators and for direct legislation wherever the principle can be applied. It must not only maintain its position on old issues, but it must advance to the consideration of new questions as they arise."

"It takes time to direct attention to an evil and still more time to consolidate sentiment in favor of a remedy. Among these may be mentioned the telegraph system, state ownership of railroads, the election of federal judges for



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